

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 9-23 as follows.

Please add claims 33-49.

Please cancel claims 3, 22, and 24-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

~~establishing~~ putting on hold a communication session between a user equipment associated with a first access network and a node of a communication system via a second network and at least one entity of said communication system between said user equipment and said node;

~~putting the session on hold;~~

reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold;

communicating a charging identifier from a node of said first access network to a first node of said second network; and

resuming said session with a message indicating active session from said user equipment by which ~~saida~~ charging identifier for the first access network is distributed ~~within~~ forwarded from said first node of the second network to a second node of the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

determining if charging information is provided during ~~the~~ establishment of said session and carrying out the putting of the session on hold to the resuming of said session only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided.

3. Cancelled

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

determining if charging information is provided during ~~the~~ a modifying of said session and carrying out the putting of the session on hold to the resuming of said session only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the ~~establishment~~ ing of said session comprises using session initiation protocol for said session.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the ~~establishment~~ ing of said session comprises operating at least part of said communication system in accordance with universal mobile telecommunications system standard.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

configuring said charging identifier to comprise at least a general packet radio service charging identifier.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the ~~distributing~~ forwarding of the charging identifier for the first access network comprises ~~distributing~~ forwarding the charging identifier for the first access network provided in a charging vector.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~distributing~~ forwarding of the charging identifier for the first access network comprises ~~distributing~~ forwarding the charging identifier for the first access network in a charging vector, wherein said charging vector comprises a p-charging vector.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~2~~1, wherein the ~~establishment~~ ing of the session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a gateway general packet radio service support node.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the ~~establishment~~ing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a proxy call session control function.

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the ~~establishment~~ing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a policy decision function.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the ~~establishment~~ing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a proxy call session control function, and wherein the method further comprising sending the charging identifier for said node of the first access network from this ae gateway general packet radio service node, and to the said first node of the second access network is a proxy call session control function.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the ~~establishment~~ing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a policy decision function , and wherein said node of the the method further comprising sending the charging identifier for the first access network is from thea gateway general packet radio service node and said first node of the second network is to thea policy decision function.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said communicating a charging identifier ~~the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier for the first access network is sent from the gateway general radio packet service node to the proxy call session control function~~ comprises including said charging identifier in a common open policy service message.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said communicating a charging identifier ~~the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier for the first access network is sent from the gateway general radio packet service node to the policy decision function~~ comprises including said charging identifier in a common open policy service message.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said node~~ of the communications system comprises a user agent server.

19. (Previously Presented) The method claim as claimed in claim 5, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier is sent in an invite message.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said node of the~~ communications system comprises user equipment.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~communication system, said system comprising:~~
a user equipment associated with a first access network, wherein the ~~communication system~~ is configured to support a communication session of ~~said user equipment;~~ and

~~at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment of the system is configured to establish a session via a second network,~~

wherein the system is configured to ~~establish said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;~~ at least one of said node and said user equipment is configured to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment is configured to reserve resources for said session while said session is on hold, communicate a charging identifier from a node of said first access network to a first node of said second network, at least one of said node and said user equipment is ~~configured to~~ and resume said session with a message indicating active session from said user equipment by which at least one entity distributes a charging identifier is forwarded from said first node of the second network to a second node of the second network; ~~for the first access network within the second network;~~ and

wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

22. Cancelled

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A communication system, the system comprising:~~

at least one entity means between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is configured to establish a session via a second network;

~~establishing means for establishing said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity means;~~

placement means for putting the session on hold;

reserving means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold;

communicating means for communicating a charging identifier from a node of said first access network to first node of said second network; and ~~and~~

resuming means for resuming said session with a message indicating active session from said user equipment by which ~~a~~ said charging identifier for the first access network is ~~distributed with~~ forwarded from said first node of ~~a~~ said second network to a second node of the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

24-32. Cancelled

33. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving at a first node of a second network from a node of a first access network a charging identifier for said first access network for a communication session put on hold between a user equipment associated with said first access network and a node of a communication system via said second network; and

in response to receiving at said first node of said second network from said user equipment a message from said user equipment indicating active session, forwarding said message from said first node of the second network to a second node of the second access network together with said charging identifier for said first access network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

34. (New) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said charging identifier comprises a general packet radio service charging identifier.

35. (New) The method as claimed claim 33, wherein the forwarding of the charging identifier for the first access network comprises forwarding the charging identifier for the first access network provided in a charging vector.

36. (New) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein said charging vector comprises a p-charging vector.

37. (New) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said node of the first access network is a gateway general packet radio service node, and said first node of the second access network is a proxy call session control function.

38. (New) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said node of the first access network is a gateway general packet radio service node and said first node of the second network is a policy decision function.

39. (New) The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein said receiving a charging identifier for said first access network from the gateway general radio packet service node at the proxy call session control function comprises receiving said charging identifier in a common open policy service message.

40. (New) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said receiving a charging identifier for the first access network from the gateway general radio packet service node at the policy decision function comprises receiving said charging identifier in a common open policy service message.

41. (New) An apparatus, comprising:
a receiver configured to receive at a first node of a second network from a node of a first access network a charging identifier for said first access network for a

communication session put on hold between a user equipment associated with said first access network and a node of a communication system via said second network; and

a forwarder, configured to, in response to receiving at said first node of said second network from said user equipment a message from said user equipment indicating active session, forwarding said message from said first node of the second network to a second node of the second access network together with said charging identifier for said first access network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

42. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 41, wherein said charging identifier comprises a general packet radio service charging identifier.

43. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 41, wherein the forwarder is configured to forward the charging identifier for the first access network in a charging vector.

44. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 43, wherein said charging vector comprises a p-charging vector.

45. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 41, wherein said node of the first access network is a gateway general packet radio service node, and said first node of the second access network is a proxy call session control function.

46. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein said node of the first access network is a gateway general packet radio service node and said first node of the second network is a policy decision function.

47. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 45, wherein said receiver is configured to receive said charging identifier for said first access network from the gateway general radio packet service node at the proxy call session control function in a common open policy service message.

48. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 46, wherein said receiver is configured to receive said charging identifier for the first access network from the gateway general radio packet service node at the policy decision function in a common open policy service message.

49. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, the computer program being configured to perform:

in response to receiving at a first node of a second network from a user equipment a message from said user equipment indicating active session, forwarding said message from said first node of the second network to a second node of the second access network together a charging identifier for a first access network, which charging identifier was earlier received at said first node of said second network from a node of a first access network for a communication session put on hold between said user equipment associated with said first access network and a node of a communication system via said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.